

FIG. 1.

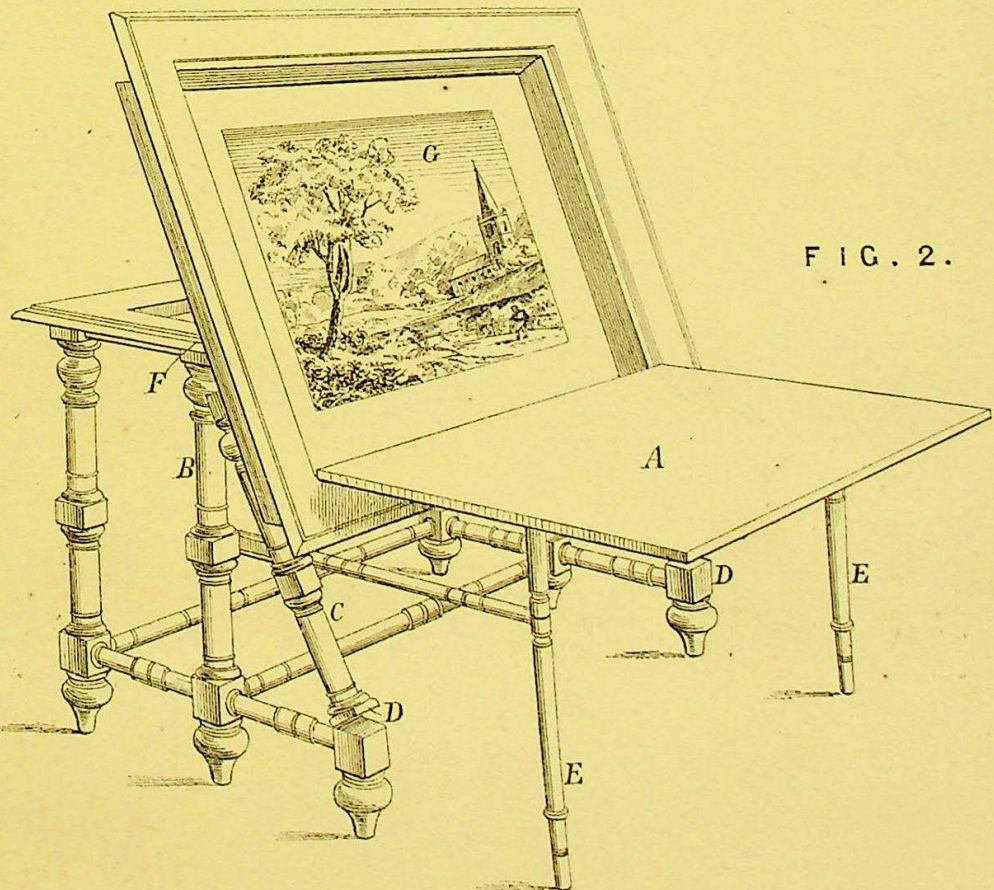
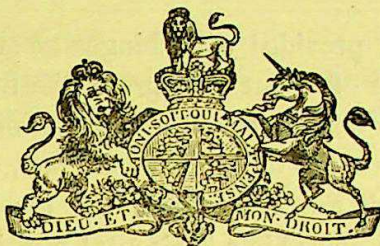


FIG. 2.

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Table and Print Case or Portfolio.

LETTERS PATENT to John Butler Bunyard, of Cow Cross Street, West Smithfield, in the County of Middlesex, for the Invention of "AN IMPROVED COMBINED TABLE AND PRINT CASE OR PORTFOLIO."

Scaled the 17th March 1876, and dated the 20th September 1875.

PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by the said John Butler Bunyard at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 20th September 1875.

I, JOHN BUTLER BUNYARD, of Cow Cross Street, West Smithfield,
5 in the County of Middlesex, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "AN IMPROVED COMBINED TABLE AND PRINT CASE OR PORTFOLIO," to be as follows:—

This Invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an improved combined table and print case or portfolio, whereby prints,
10 drawings, and other articles can be safely secured, whilst great facilities are afforded for inspecting the same.

The main portion of the apparatus consists of a table formed with legs in the ordinary manner. The upper part of the table is constructed

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as a box or case, and is provided with hinges at one side, so that it can be inclined at an angle of about 45 degrees, the front legs of the table being hinged, so as to enable them to be inclined accordingly. The top of the table forms a lid to the case or box, and is provided with hinges in order to enable the same, when the case or box is inclined as before mentioned, to be placed in a horizontal position, in which position it is retained as long as desired by legs or supports, which are so formed and jointed as to be capable of being folded out for that purpose, and of being folded back when no longer required. 5

The prints or drawings are placed in the case or box, and when the latter is inclined as before mentioned they can be laid successively in a horizontal position upon the lid and conveniently inspected. 10

The desired inspection having been completed the prints or drawings can be replaced in the case or box, the lid closed, and the table restored to its normal condition and appearance. 15

SPECIFICATION in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed by the said John Butler Bunyard in the Great Seal Patent Office on the 20th March 1876.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JOHN BUTLER BUNYARD, of Cow Cross Street, West Smithfield, in the County of Middlesex, send greeting. 20

WHEREAS Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters Patent, bearing date the Twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, in the thirty-ninth year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the said John Butler Bunyard, Her special licence that I, the said John Butler Bunyard, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said John Butler Bunyard, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for "AN IMPROVED COMBINED TABLE AND PRINT CASE OR PORT- 25 30

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folio," upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said John Butler Bunyard, my executors or administrators, by an instrument in writing under my, or their, or one of their hands and seals, should particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said John Butler Bunyard, do hereby declare the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement, reference being had to the Drawings hereunto annexed, and to the figures and letters marked thereon, that is to say:—

My said Invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an improved combined table and print case or portfolio, whereby prints, drawings, and other articles can be safely secured and preserved, whilst great facilities are afforded for inspecting and examining the same.

The main portion of the apparatus consists of a table formed with legs in the ordinary manner. The upper part of the table is constructed as a box or case, and is provided with hinges, so that the same can be inclined at an angle of about 45 degrees, or as may be desired, the front legs of the table being hinged, so as to enable them to be inclined either in an outward or inward direction. The top of the table forms a lid to the case or box, and is provided with hinges to enable the same, when the case or box is inclined as before mentioned, to be placed in a horizontal position, in which position it is retained as long as desired by legs or supports, which are so formed and jointed (as will be well understood by any ordinary workman) as to be capable of being folded out for that purpose, and of being folded back when no longer required.

The prints or drawings or other articles are placed in the case or box, and when the latter is inclined as before mentioned they can be conveniently inspected or examined and laid or placed successively in a horizontal position upon the lid.

The desired inspection or examination having been completed, the prints or drawings or other articles can be replaced in the case or box,

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the lid closed, and the table restored to its normal condition and appearance.

I will now proceed to refer to the annexed Drawings, from which the nature of my said Invention will more clearly appear.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the table closed, and Figure 2 5 is a perspective view shewing the same open.

The same letters of reference indicate similar parts in both Figures.

G is the box or case before mentioned, the same being fitted with a hinged lid A. The box or case is attached by means of any suitable hinges at F to a horizontal bar, which connects the two middle legs B, B. 10 The two front legs are connected by a horizontal bar, and are hinged at D, D, so that they can be made to fall back against the middle legs B, B, by a backward pressure imparted to the legs C, C. The top of the table or case G can then be inclined by a downward pressure on the front, and will rest upon the inclined legs C, C, as shewn in Figure 2. The 15 table is also furnished with two swinging legs E, E, which when drawn out support the lid A in a horizontal position, as shewn in Figure 2.

Having thus declared and ascertained the nature of my said Inven- 20 tion, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I would observe in conclusion that what I consider novel and original, and therefore claim as constituting the Invention secured to me by the said herein-before in part recited Letters Patent is, the construction and arrangement of an improved combined table and print case or portfolio, substantially as and for the purposes herein-before described and set 25 forth, or any mere modifications thereof.

In witness whereof, I, the said John Butler Bunyard, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

J. B. BUNYARD. (L.S.)

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